

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 17, 2007

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.
 - A. Mayor Armstrong introduced the page for the evening. The page was Miles Hay-Smith, 6th grader at Clifty Creek Elementary School. He introduced himself and talked about his interests.
 - B. Opening Prayer was given by Scott Schumacher, principal at St. Peter's Lutheran School.
 - C. Mayor Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - D. Roll Call: Present: Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell – Absent: Jesse Brand.
 - E. Acceptance of minutes – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting of April 3, 2007. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.11, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "AG" (AGRICULTURE) TO "R-3" (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)." (Cornerstone) Laura Thayer, Assistant Planning Director, presented this Ordinance. Council Person George Dutro indicated he had a conflict of interest with this Ordinance and left the room until the Ordinance was acted upon. Laura recapped the details of this Ordinance. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.____, 2007, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO "AG" (AGRICULTURE) TO "R-2" (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)." Laura Thayer (Thompson Development) Laura Thayer presented this Ordinance. She indicated on April 4th, 2007, the Columbus Plan Commission reviewed the application for rezoning and it was forwarded to the Council with a favored recommendation by a vote of 8 to 0. The Plan Commission recommendation did not include any conditions. The applicant requested rezoning of approximately 25 acres to be rezoned to R-2 (Single –Family Residential) The area is currently zoned Agriculture. The property is located on the east side of Terrace Lake Road, generally south of Suburban Court. Laura indicated several people spoke at the Plan Commission expressing concerns about the rezoning.

The concerns included impacts on area drainage, impacts on the floodplain and suspected wetlands in the area, interruption of animal habitat, overall traffic volume in the area, negative affects of future street connections to Suburban Court, and the overall density that the rezoning district would allow. Laura showed the location map, site photos and existing zoning map. Discussion followed. Seven people spoke on concerns regarding the rezoning. Concerns included the same concerns expressed at the Plan Commission. Nancy Barker, resident of Suburban Acres submitted to the Council a petition opposing a new road coming through Suburban Court. She had collected 46 signatures of residents opposing the new road. She was advised to make sure the petition was also submitted back to the Plan Commission. Additional discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to place in property channels. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO._____, 2007, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT.” Chief Bill Martin indicated he wished to establish a new fund in the Clerk Treasurer’s Office to receive state and federal grant money. This fund would eliminate the need to come back to Council each time a grant was procured. This would eliminate the need to appropriate those grants. Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled Meeting May 1, 2007
- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 o’clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer